

REMARKS

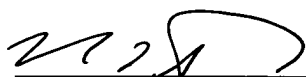
Claims 1-17 have been rejected. Claims 1-17 have been cancelled. Claims 18-33 have been added.

Claims 1-4 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Massa, Jr. (U.S. Patent 3,319,220) in view of Massa (U.S. Patent 3,716,827) and the Piquette patents (U.S. Patent 5,926,439 and U.S. Patent 5,949,741). It is submitted that the obviousness rejections are now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 17.

Applicant now claims an underwater sound source that comprises a housing having a length L along its longitudinal axis which is perpendicular to a plane that bisects the housing and a monopole driver *positioned within the plane and inside the housing*. It is submitted that the prior art fails to teach or suggest such a feature.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted



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